# Space Borne and Ground Based Lidar

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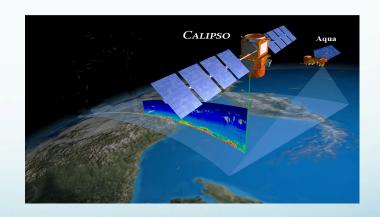
# CALIOP aboard CALIPSO: instrument and data

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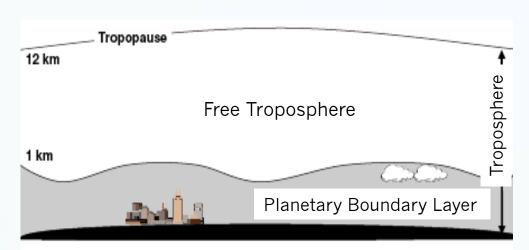
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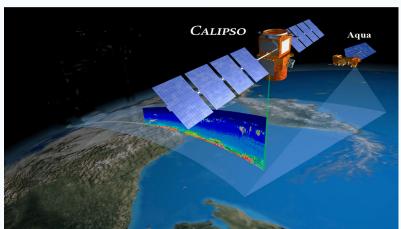
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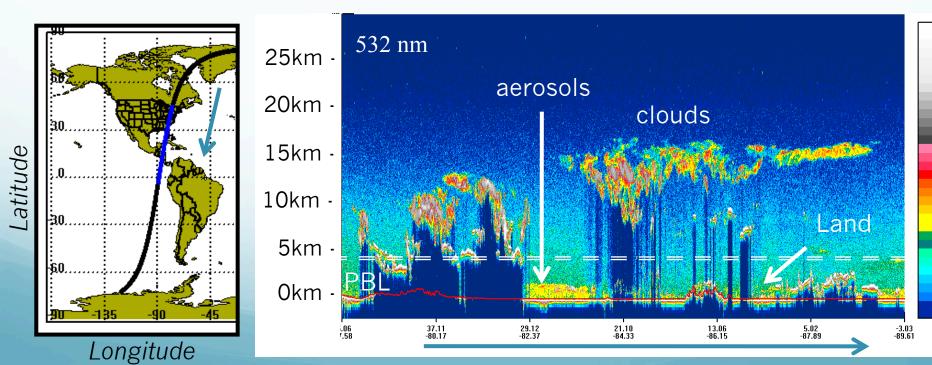
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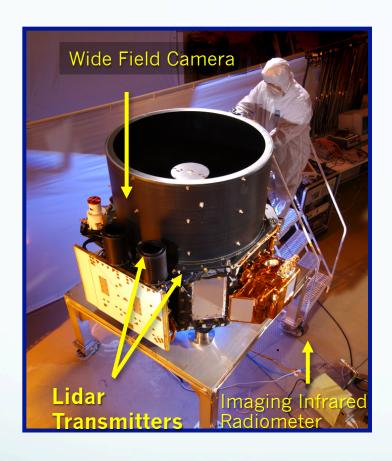
### What's a CALIPSO curtain scene?







### CALIOP on board CALIPSO



### Two Wavelengths 3 Channels

Wavelengths	532nm		1064 nm
Channels	532 	532 	1064 nm

#### CALIOP:

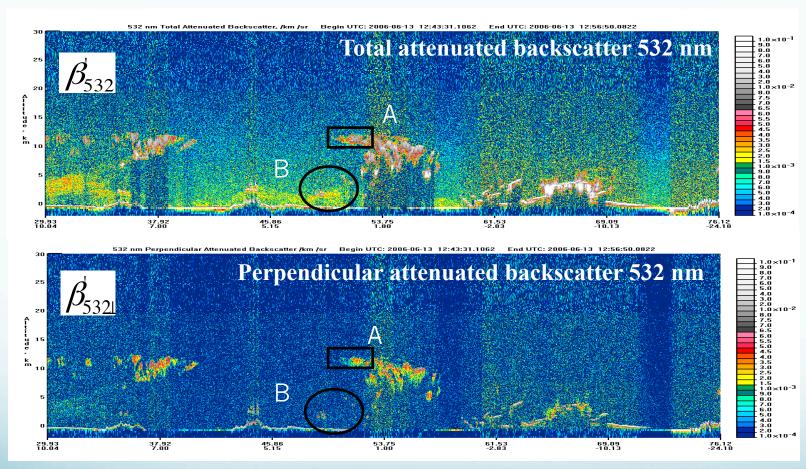
- Active downward pointing elastic backscatter LIDAR (LIght Detection And Ranging)
- 90 m diameter foot print every 333m; No daily global coverage (given region every 16 days)

# CALIPSO products

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Level 1  Measured	Total_Attenuated_Backscatter_532 Perpendicular_Attenuated_Backscatter_532 Total_Attenuated_Backscatter_1064	1/3km	30m
Level 2 LAYER	Cloud Layer_Top/ Base_Altitude	1/3, 1, 5km	30m
Retrieved	Aerosol Layer_Top/ Base_Altitude	5km	30m
Level 2 PROFILE Retrieved	Cloud and Aerosol Total_Backscatter_Coefficient_532 Extinction_Coefficient_532	5km	60m
Level 2 Vertical Feature Mask Retrieved	Feature_Classification_Flags	5km	30m

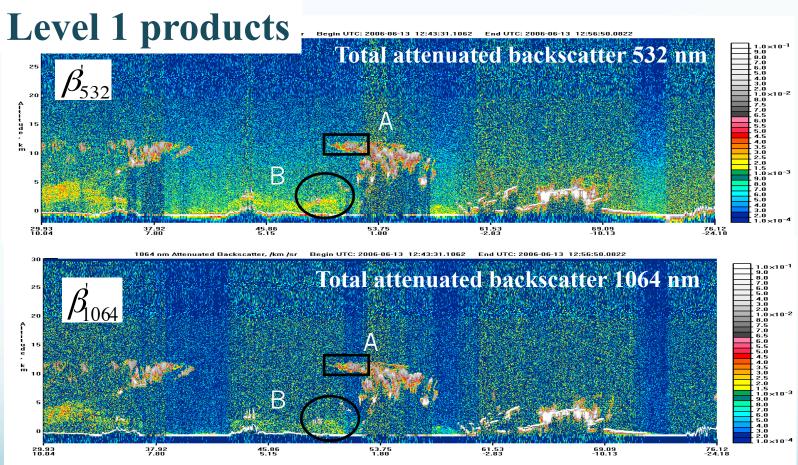
### Level 1 products



If enhanced signal in both images then non spherical particles (Region A)

If enhanced signal in total backscatter image but little or no enhancement in the perpendicular image, then spherical particles (Region B)

http://www-calipso.larc.nasa.gov/products/lidar/browse\_images/production/



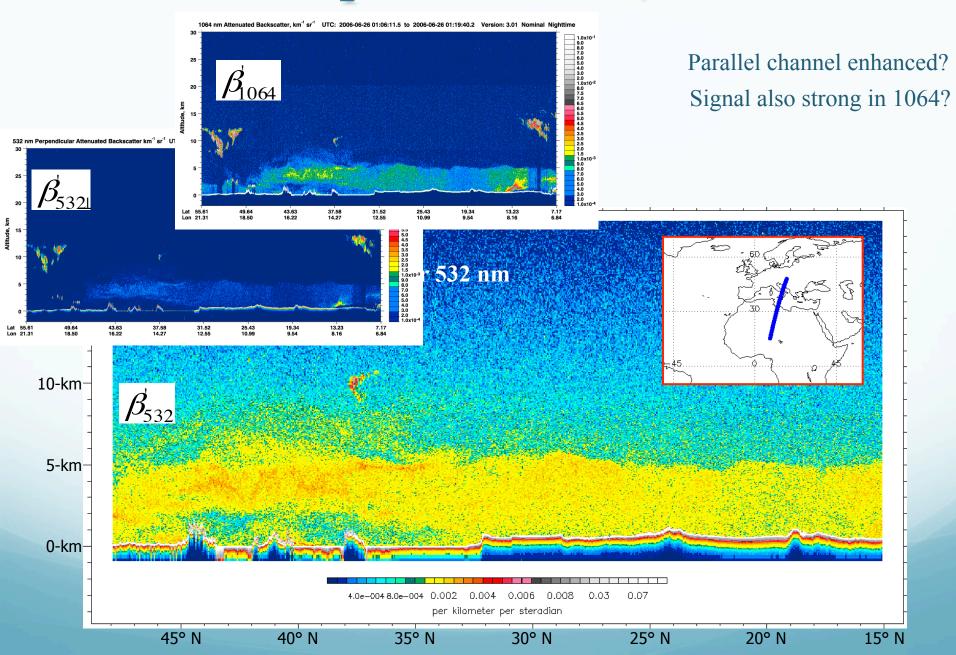
If same intensity in both channels, coarse particles If signal more intense in  $\beta'_{532}$ , fine particles

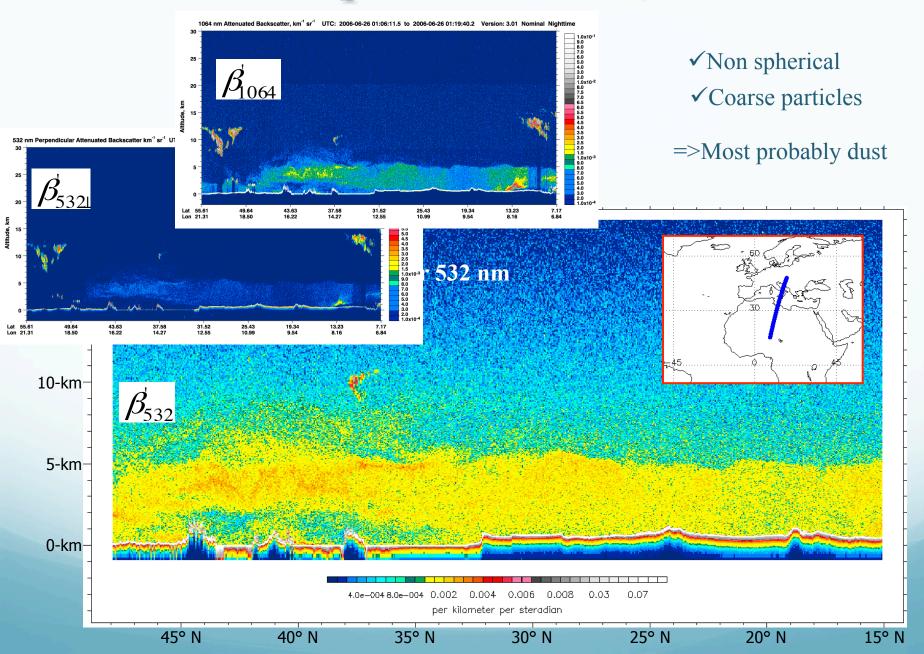
Region A: coarse non spherical

= cirrus cloud?

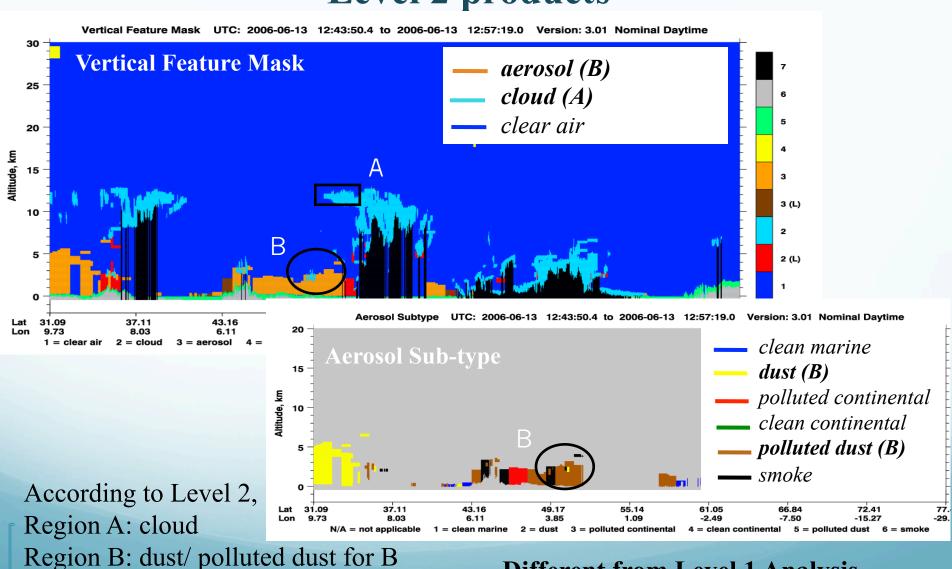
Region B: fine spherical

= urban pollution?



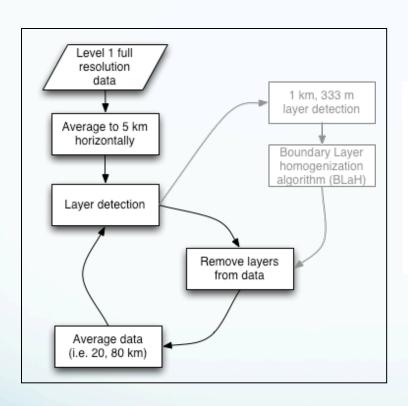


### **Level 2 products**

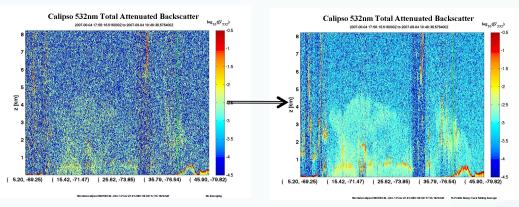


Different from Level 1 Analysis...

# Layer detection



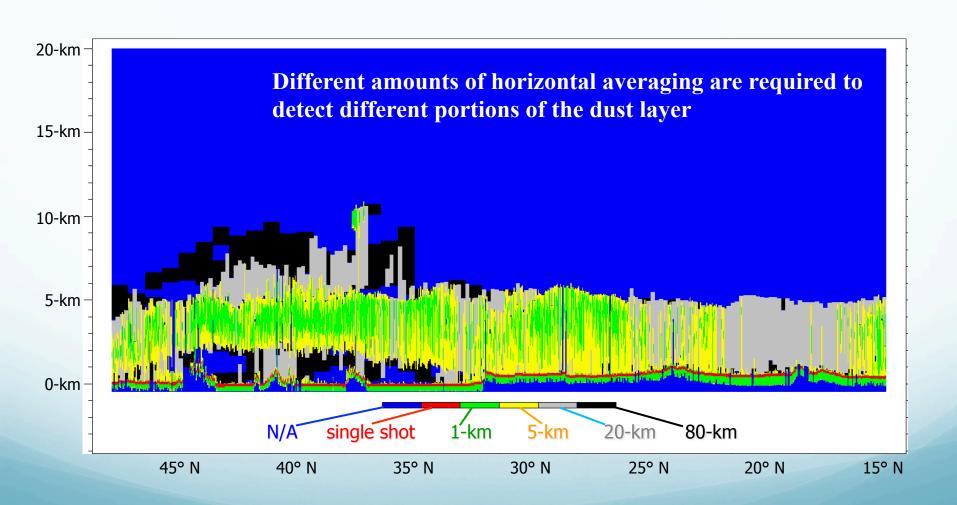
- a) Input is level 1 attenuated backscatter
- b) Data averaged from 333m to 5km

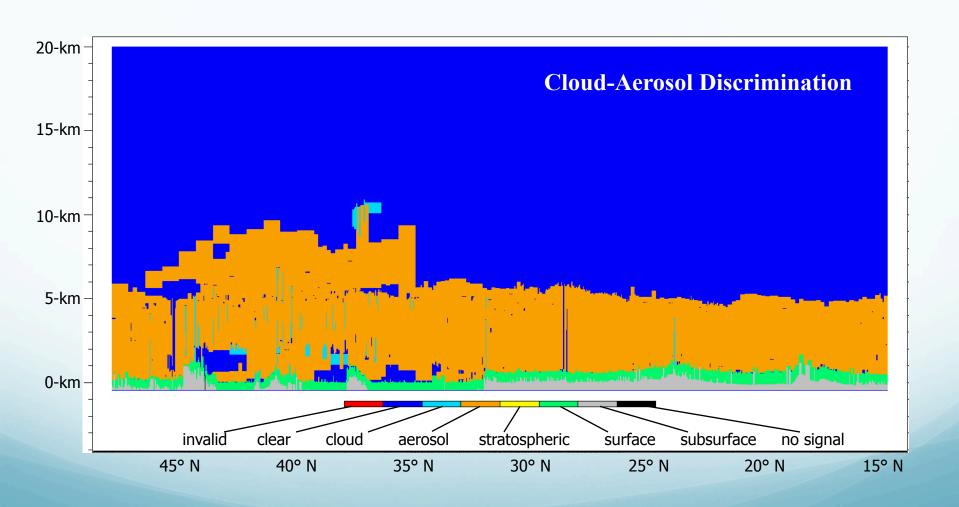


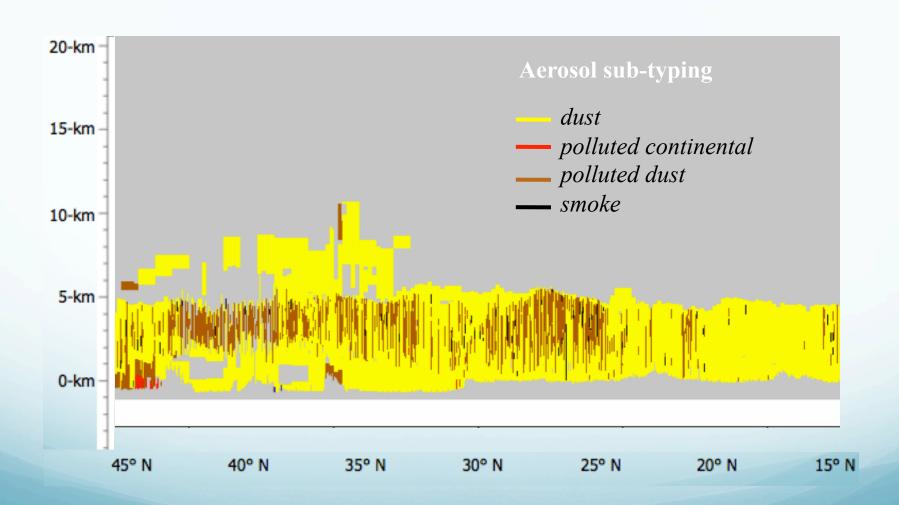
c) Layers identified as enhancements above molecular background (adaptative threshold using  $\beta'_{532,\perp}$  and  $\beta'_{532,\parallel}$  and molecular model)

Here cloud detected at 333m; aerosol at 5km

- c) Detected layers removed from curtain scene
- d) Further averaging of the data (20, 80km)...







# Take home message

CALIOP/ CALIPSO provides aerosol vertical distribution and info on type of particle (size and shape)

#### Safest use of CALIOP data:

- 1. Qualitative (browse lidar images online)
- 2.Latest version (currently V3.01)
- 3.Level 1 (contains less uncertainties than level 2 data)

#### Concerning the use of CALIOP Level 2 data,

- •recognize the unvalidated nature of the data
- •keep in mind the uncertainties
- make sure to read all quality assurance information and to apply the appropriate quality flags

(see user guide, <a href="http://www-calipso.larc.nasa.gov/resources/calipso-users-guide/">http://www-calipso.larc.nasa.gov/resources/calipso-users-guide/</a>)

•If you have any concerns, ask the CALIPSO team

### Online

#### ·User Guide:

http://www-calipso.larc.nasa.gov/resources/calipso\_users\_guide/

FAQ, Essential reading, Data Product Descriptions, Data quality summaries (V3.01), Example and tools, Order Data, Publications

#### •Data download

<a href="http://eosweb.larc.nasa.gov/HBDOCS/langley\_web\_tool.html">http://eosweb.larc.nasa.gov/HBDOCS/langley\_web\_tool.html</a>
<a href="http://www-calipso.larc.nasa.gov/search/">http://www-calipso.larc.nasa.gov/search/</a> for subset files

#### •LIDAR browse images

Level 1 and Level 2 Vertical Feature Mask; No level 2 profile

#### **EXPEDITED 12h-RELEASE with kmz files**

http://www-calipso.larc.nasa.gov/products/lidar/browse images/expedited/

#### STANDARD PRODUCT for detailed science analysis

http://www-calipso.larc.nasa.gov/products/lidar/browse\_images/show\_calendar.php/

Also provides horizontal averaging, Ice/ Water phase and aerosol subtype

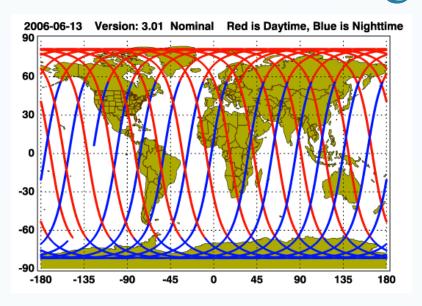
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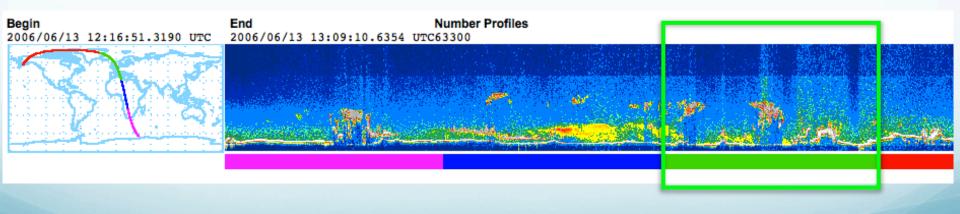
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### **CALIPSO** validation

# Level 2 CALIOP layer boundaries, backscatter and extinction

- ✓ Very little validation of CALIOP level 2 data: few case studies
- ✓ Significant uncertainties associated with level 2 data

#### 1. Ground-based validation with EARLINET

Example: CALIPSO **underestimates** Sa (40 instead of ~50 sr, hence underestimates AOD) during 26–31 May 2008 Saharan Dust outbreak [*Pappalardo et al.*, 2010]

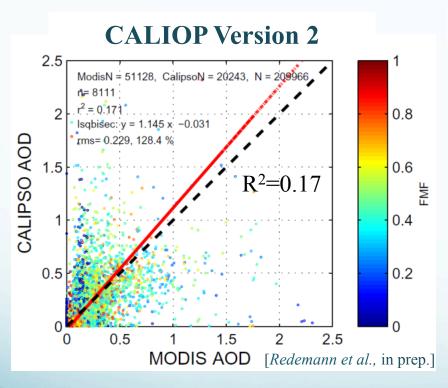
#### 2. Airborne validation with HSRL

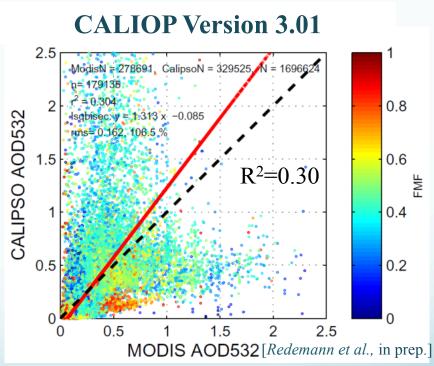
CALIOP **overestimates** HSRL extinction with an average extinction bias of ~ 24% during CATZ (CALIPSO and Twilight Zone campaign) and ~59% during GoMACCS (Gulf of Mexico Atmospheric Composition and Climate Study) [*Omar et al*, 2009]

# **CALIPSO** validation

#### 3. CALIOP versus other A-Train satellite AOD

•CALIOP (V2) **underestimates** both POLDER and MODIS AOD (also AERONET and HSRL) on August 04 2007 by 0.1-0.2 during CATZ [*Kacenelenbogen et al.*, 2010]

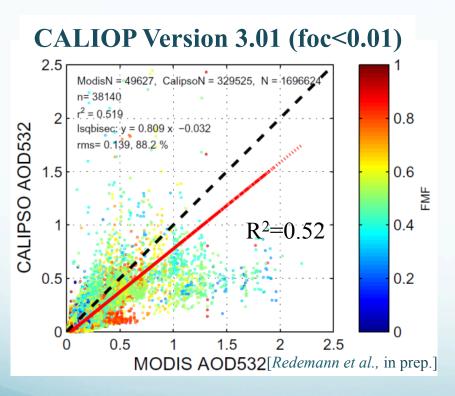




- •CALIOP (V3.01) better than CALIOP (V2)-MODIS AOD but still not satisfactory
- •CALIOP (V3.01) globally overestimates MODIS AOD over ocean with R<sup>2</sup>=0.30 in January 2007 [*Redemann et al.*, in prep.]

### **CALIPSO** validation

# Additional cloud-screening on both datasets with MODIS cloud fraction



Reduces discrepancies between two data sets due to cloud contamination

**Higher correlation coefficient** (0.52 instead of 0.30)

CALIPSO slightly **underestimates** MODIS AOD

### Level 2 data uncertainties

#### i) Low Signal to noise ratio

CALIOP will fail to detect layers with aerosol backscatter  $< 2\sim4~10^{-4}~km^{-1}~sr^{-1}$  in troposphere [Winker et al., 2009] (S<sub>a</sub> of 50sr,  $\alpha$  of 0.01-0.02 km<sup>-1</sup>, AOD of 0.02-0.04 in 2km)

- => CALIOP not measuring tenuous aerosol layers
- => Lack of photons returned from underneath highly attenuating layers (dense aerosol or cloud) leading to erroneous or total lack of aerosol identification in the lower part of a given atmospheric profile
- ii) Miss-classification of layer type (aerosol or cloud) and aerosol subtype (biomass, dust, etc...)
- => leading to incorrect assumption about lidar ratio Sa
- iii) Improved calibration technique for the lidar Level 1 532 nm daytime calibration in Version 3.01 [Powell et al., 2010]
- iv) Multiple scattering is assumed negligible in current algorithm
- => Impact on cases with dense dust plumes recording high AOD where effects of multiple scattering applies

# CALIPSO: example of application

#### The detection of aerosols over clouds

Aerosols and their radiative effects are a major uncertainty in predictions of future climate change

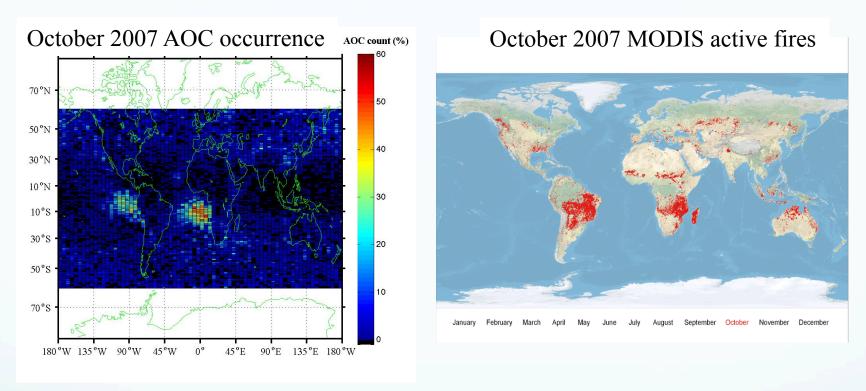
Biomass burning aerosols usually strongly absorbing, may cause local positive radiative forcing when over clouds

CALIOP is the only satellite sensor capable of observing aerosol over clouds without any auxiliary data (OMI or POLDER need to combine with MODIS and/ or CALIOP)

Before studying aerosol radiative effects over clouds, we need to know where and when aerosol over clouds occur as well as their intensity

We use the CALIPSO level 2 aerosol layer product...

# Aerosol Over Cloud (AOC)



Over 50 % AOC (/CALIOP data) offshore from South America and South Africa

Probably mostly biomass burning smoke

"...huge increase in fire activity in 2007... largest over the last ten years" and "largest 6-month (May–October) precipitation deficit of the last ten years in South America occurred during 2007 [Torres et al., 2009]